GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:265
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2017
No Development Zone
Malyadri Shri Sriram

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to declare some of the areas near Ganga river as well as other water bodies as "No Development Zone" across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said zone is likely to be declared/implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a), (b) & (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) , (B) & (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*265 TO BE ANSWERED ON , THE 3RD AUGUST, 2017 ON "NO DEVELOPMENT ZONE" RAISED BY SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM.

(a) to (c) A Model Draft Bill for Flood Plain Zoning Legislation was circulated by the Union Government in 1975 to all States to help States enact legislation. The model bill provided for prohibition and restriction of the activities in the notified area of the flood plain. The River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 provides that the bank of River Ganga and its flood plain shall be construction free zone. It also prohibits construction of any structure for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes in the River Ganga, Bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood area of River Ganga or its tributaries. The National Green Tribunal vide its judgment dated 13.07.2017 in O.A. 200/2014 has directed to identity and demarcate the flood plains of river Ganga from Haridwar to Unnao and has ordered that till the said identification and demarcation of flood plain is completed, 100 metres from the edge of the river would be designated as no development/construction zone. Further, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change also circulated draft notification on "River Conservation Zones" in 2015 to all States.
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation has taken up the matter with all the states. Only Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Manipur have enacted the Legislation.

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